

## **STREATOR TOWNSHIP HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT #40**

Board of Education – Regular Meeting

Tuesday, November 15, 2016, at 6:00 P.M. in the STHS Library

Prepared by Carol A. Johnston, Superintendent Assistant

### **Call to Order/Roll Call**

President Biroschik called the regular meeting to order at 6:00 P.M.

Board members present: Mr. Biroschik, Mr. Darrow, Mr. McFadden, Mrs. Ricca, Dr. Woeltje and Mr. Williamson

Board member absent: Mrs. Schuler

Administration present: Mr. Seaton, Superintendent, Mrs. Mascall, Principal, Mr. Holmes, Assistant Principal, Mr. McGurk, Assistant Principal, Mr. Doty, Dean, and Mrs. Johnston, Superintendent Assistant

### **Board Salutes**

Mr. Williamson commended and thanked the SHS students, staff, band and school for the school sponsored Veterans Dinner event held on Thursday, November 10, 2016. Mr. Williamson also commended SHS student and vocalist, Zomnyet Webster, for her phenomenal Star Spangled Banner performance and Mr. Mark Blakemore for speaking at the event.

Dr. Woeltje congratulated Ms. Amy Sipovic, SHS Social Studies Teacher, for recently completing her Doctorate Degree.

Mr. Seaton congratulated, Cross Country athlete, Rebecca Neaterour, for her accomplishments and placement at the State Cross Country meet held Saturday, November 5, 2016.

Mr. Seaton encouraged all to attend the SHS Drama Club's fall play, Midsummer Night's Dream/Jersey Style. The play will be performed this Friday and Saturday, November 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 p.m..

Mrs. Ricca encouraged anyone interested in running for the SHS School Board of Education, and/or knows of anyone interested, to pick up petitions and get them completed.

### **Introduce Students of the Month**

Mrs. Mascall introduced the "November Students of the Month" and presented each with a certificate.

### **Introduce New Staff Member**

Mr. McGurk, Assistant Principal, introduced newly hired Paraprofessional, Mercedes Griffin.

### **Public Comment**

None

### **SB100 Updates – Mr. Holmes, Asst. Principal & Mr. Doty, Dean**

Mr. Doty, SHS Dean, reviewed the Senate Bill 100 updates with the Board. The purpose of Senate Bill 100 is an attempt to keep the students in seats and in class, and provides additional protection to the students from academic consequences.

### **Approval of Board Minutes**

**MOTION** by Biroschik, seconded by Darrow, to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of Tuesday, October 18, 2016. Ayes (6) Nays (0) **Motion carried.**

### **Approval of Financial Reports**

**MOTION** by Ricca, seconded by Williamson, to approve all items as recommended under Financial Reports on the Tuesday, November 15, 2016, Board Meeting Agenda. Ayes (6) Nays (0) **Motion carried.**

A. Approve October, 2016, Treasurer's Report and Budgetary Report

B. Approve November, 2016, Bills

## Administrative Reports

### **Superintendent:**

- 2016 Preliminary Property Tax Resolution – Mr. Seaton presented the preliminary property tax resolution which indicated the property growth is expected to increase by 3.39%. The tax levy, as presented by Mr. Seaton, includes a slight decrease which could result in homeowners paying approximately \$4.30 less in property taxes per \$100,000 of home value. STHS is estimated to receive approximately \$258,294 more in 2017-2018 than in 2016-2017 from property tax dollars. The final Levy will be presented for approval at the December 20, 2016, STHS Board of Education meeting. Mr. Seaton recommended the STHS Board of Education approve the Preliminary Property Tax Resolution.
- Invenergy Resolution – Solar Abatement – The Invenergy Resolution is an annual requirement in the abatement process. The resolution allows the County Clerk's Office to abate the taxes on solar equipment and not the land. As a result of the abatement, SHS is projected to receive approximately \$89,056 from Invenergy for 2016-2017. Mr. Seaton recommended the Board approve the resolution.
- Parking Lot Work Update – Mr. Seaton provided an update related to the depressions in the football field parking lot. At the October, 2016 Board of Education meeting, Mr. Seaton and the Board discussed contracting services for approximately \$15,000 to drill down 75 feet to detect the reason for the depressions. After further research, it is possible that the parking lot was once a sand pit. The Board agreed to lessen the drilling to a couple of 25 foot drills for an approximate cost of \$5,000. Once completed, the District will determine the next steps.

### **Principal:**

- 2015-2016 District Report Card – Mrs. Mascal reviewed the 2015-2016 District Report Card statistics which provides an overview of the staff and student demographics, financial stats, and academic performance.
- 2016-2017 Early Graduates – Mrs. Mascal, submitted the proposed list of December, 2016 early graduates for an initial review. It is expected that all of the proposed graduates will have completed all of the graduation requirements by the end of the first semester of the 2016-2017 school year.
- Graduation Special Request – Mrs. Mascal reviewed with the Board, a request received for special attire at the 2017 Graduation ceremony.
- Facility Use Fee Waiver Request – Northlawn Jr. High Athletics – Mr. Wargo submitted Facility Use Fee Waiver Request and recommended Board approval.
- Overnight/Extended Student Trip – FFA to the 212 Leadership Conference, Schaumburg, IL – Mrs. Mascal submitted Overnight/Extended Student Trip Application and recommended Board approval.

**MOTION** by Darrow, seconded by McFadden, to go into Closed Session as per **5ILCS 120/2(c)(1)** for the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the public body or legal counsel for the public body, including hearing testimony on a complaint lodged against an employee of the public body or against legal counsel for the public body to determine its validity; and as per **5ILCS 120/2(c)(11)** for the litigation, when an action against, affecting or on behalf of the particular public body has been filed and is pending before a court or administrative tribunal, or when the public body finds that an action is probable or imminent, in which case the basis for the finding shall be recorded and entered into the minutes of the closed meeting; and as per **5ILCS 120/2(c)(21)** for the discussion of minutes of meetings lawfully closed under the Open Meetings Act, whether for purposes of approval by the body of the minutes or semi-annual review of the minutes as mandated by Section 2.06; and as per **5ILCS 120/2(c)(9)** for the discussion of Student Disciplinary Cases. TIME: 7:18 P.M. Ayes (6) Nays (0) **Motion carried.**

**MOTION** by Darrow, seconded by McFadden, to return to regular session. TIME: 8:52 P.M. Ayes (6) Nays (0) **Motion carried.**

### Motions from Closed Session

**MOTION** by McFadden, seconded by Williamson, to expel student, ID #20236, through the end of the 2017-18 school year with the option of attending the ROE Safe School. Ayes (6) Nays (0) **Motion carried**

### Old Business

None

**New Business**

**MOTION** by Darrow, seconded by McFadden, to approve the following items Listed Under “New Business,” “Personnel,” on the November 15, 2016, Board Meeting Agenda. Ayes (6) Nays (0) **Motion carried.**

2016-17 Volunteer Asst. Wrestling Coach – Mr. Ryhs O’Brien  
2016-17 Volunteer Asst. Wrestling Coach – Mr. Christian Martinez  
2016-17 Volunteer Asst. Wrestling Coach – Mr. Gavin Reed  
2016-17 Volunteer Asst. Boys Basketball Coach – Mr. William Phillips

**MOTION** by Darrow, seconded by Williamson, to approve the following items listed under “New Business”, on the November 15, 2016, Board Meeting Agenda. Ayes (6) Nays (0) **Motion carried.**

- B. Approve the 2016 Preliminary Property Tax Resolution
- C. Approve the Invenergy Resolution
- D. Approve the Facility Fee Waiver Request for Northlawn Jr. High Athletics
- E. Approve the Overnight/Extended Student Trip for FFA to 212 Leadership Conference, Schaumburg, IL

**President’s Prerogative**


President Biroshik wished everyone a “Happy Thanksgiving”.

**Adjourn**

**MOTION** by Darrow, seconded by McFadden, to adjourn from the Regular Meeting. TIME: 8:56 P.M. Ayes (6) Nays (0) **Motion carried.**



Mr. Steve Biroshik, Board President



Dr. Earl Woeltje, Board Secretary